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Nominations of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council,

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Santiago;

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(f) The Director of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Kuala Lumpur;

(g) The Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar;

(h) The Executive-Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(i) Representatives of two of the following specialized agencies, appointed in rotation: the International Labour Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and the World Health Organization;

(j) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

3. The 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. The term of office of each nominated member is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

4. Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico) has been Chairperson of the Board since 2005. The nominated members of the Board are:

- Christian Comeliau (France), former Professor of Development Economics at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Geneva
- Yakin Ertürk (Turkey), Professor, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
- Peter Brandt Evans (United States of America), Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- Rosalind Eyben (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton
- Asma Jahangir (Pakistan), Partner, AGHS Law Associates, Lahore
- Elizabeth Jelin (Argentina) Senior Researcher, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET), University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires
- Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya (Russian Federation), former Editor, *Pro et Contra*, Carnegie Moscow Center, Moscow
- Pasuk Phongpaichit (Thailand), Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
- Annika Sundén (Sweden), Chief, Research Unit, Department of Research and Statistics, Swedish Social Insurance Agency, Stockholm
- Zenebeworke Tadesse (Ethiopia), Deputy Director, University of South Africa Regional Learning Centre in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission for Social Development decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

5. The term of office of Lourdes Arizpe (Chairperson) will expire on 30 June 2009 and she is eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2011.

6. The term of office of Christian Comeliau, Elizabeth Jelin and Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya will expire on 30 June 2009. They will have served on the Board for six years and are not eligible for renomination.

7. The term of office of Asma Jahangir will expire on 30 June 2009. She is eligible for renomination but does not wish to be renominated for a further two years.

8. The Commission will therefore be called upon at its forty-seventh session to nominate four new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2013. The biographical information of the four new candidates is contained in the annex to the present note. The name of the fourth candidate will be submitted at a later date.

Annex

Biographical information

Bina Agarwal

Personal data

Nationality: India.

Date of birth: 1951.

Present position

Professor of Economics, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi.

Education

B.A. (Honours) in Economics, University of Delhi, 1970.

B.A. (Economics Tripos), University of Cambridge, 1972.

M.A. (Economics), University of Cambridge, 1977.

Ph.D. (Economics), University of Delhi, 1978.

Experience

Visiting Global Professor, New York University School of Law, 2008.

Head, Population Research Center, Institute of Economic Growth, 1996-1998, 2002-2004.

Vice-president, International Economic Association, 2002-2005.

Member of Executive Committee, International Economic Association, 1999-2002.

Fellow, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1989-1991.

Associate Professor of Economics, Institute of Economic Growth, 1981-1988.

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, 1978-1979.

Research Associate, Council for Social Development, Delhi, 1972-1974.

Yesim Arat

Personal data

Nationality: Turkey.

Date of birth: 1955.

Present position

Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs (Provost), Boğaziçi University, since 2008.

Education

B.A., Yale University, 1978.

M.A., Princeton University, 1980.

Ph.D., Princeton University, 1983.

Experience

Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, since 1996.

Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, since 1996.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, 1990-1996.

Editorial Board member, Journal of Women's History, since 2004.

Editorial Board member, International Journal of Middle East Studies, 2002-2005.

Advisory Board member, Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures, 2000-2005.

Evelina Dagnino

Personal data

Nationality: Brazil.

Date of birth: 1945.

Present position

Professor in the Political Science Department, University of Campinas.

Education

B.A., Universidade Federal Do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, 1966.

M.A., Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, 1970.

M.A., Stanford University, 1973.

Ph.D., Stanford University, California, 1986.

Experience

Member of the Centre Advisory Review Group for the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, University of Sussex, 2006-2009.

Chair of the Citizenship, Rights and Social Justice Track-Latin American Studies Association, 2006-2007.

Referee, European Science Foundation, 2005-2009.

Visiting Professor at the University of Götteborg, since 2002.

Chair of the "Social Movements" Track-Latin American Studies Association, 2001-2003.

Coordinator of the Culture and Politics Area, Social Sciences Doctoral Programme, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciencias Humanas-Universidade Estadual de Campinas.

Visiting Professor, Yale University, 1990-1991.

Julia Szalai

Personal data

Nationality: Hungary.

Date of birth: 1948.

Present position

Head, Department of Social History and Social Policy, Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, since 1987.

Education

B.A., Budapest University, 1971.

Ph.D., Budapest University, 1986.

D.Sc., Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest University, 2007.

Experience

Senior Research Fellow, Central European University, Budapest, since 2007.

Editor-in-Chief, East Central Europe/l'Europe du Centre-Est, Budapest-Los Angeles, 1998-2005.

Standing Visiting Professor, Central European University, Budapest, since 2004.

Member of the Standing Committee, Graduate Programme on Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE University, Budapest, since 1999.

Professor of Sociology, Budapest External Faculty of Sociology, Social History and Social Work, John Wesley College, 1993-1999.

Chair of the Board, Active Society Foundation for Policy-oriented Research in Social Policy, Budapest, 1992-2007.

Associate Professor, Department of Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE University, Budapest, since 1990.

Chair of the Board, Max Weber Foundation for the Study of Social Initiatives, Budapest-Glasgow, 1990-2007.

Senior Research Consultant, Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, since 1973.